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February 17, 2015

Senator Maile Shimabukuro
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Room 222
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Shimabukuro,

On behalf of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), I am writing to voice our program's support for Mr. William Aila, Jr. as Deputy Director of the State of Hawai'i Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

For the past four years, as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Mr. Aila has proven himself an effective leader and negotiator, looking out for the State of Hawai'i's best interests, yet realizing the need to partner with the various federal agencies that work in Hawai'i.

Even though in the new role as Deputy Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Mr. Aila would probably not interact with our program in same way he did when he was the Chair of DLNR, we hope that Mr. Aila will bring with him the institutional knowledge of what NOAA has to offer, and, if necessary, call on us for assistance and partnership.

Mr. Aila has always been accessible and available to meet with any of my staff or visiting officials from Washington DC. I am sure this policy of being a forward thinker while keeping an "open door policy" will serve him well in his new position.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at allen.tom@noaa.gov or 808-879-2818.

Sincerely,

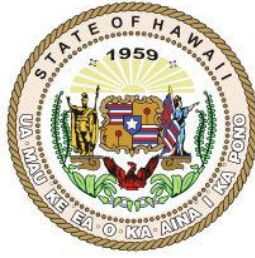
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David Y. Ige
Governor

Testimony on GM 510
Confirmation of William Aila Jr.
Deputy Chairman, Hawaiian Homes Commission

Governor David Y. Ige

Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
February 23, 2015
1:15 p.m. in Room 224

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Galuteria and committee members:

I respectfully request your support in confirming the appointment of William Aila Jr. as the deputy to the chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and deputy director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

Mr. Aila previously served the State as the chairman of the Board of Land and Natural Resources and director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). Prior to this, William Aila served as the harbor agent for Waianae Boat Harbor in the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation, and he operated a commercial fishing business aboard his own vessel. Aila earned a Bachelor's degree in General Tropical Agriculture and is a graduate of Waianae High School.

This administration is committed to transforming the culture of government by embracing and accelerating change. I am confident that William Aila will support our department employees in this effort. Together, we can build a better home for our keiki, kupuna, and all the residents of Hawaii.

Mahalo for your consideration.



GM510

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DEPUTY TO THE
CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, WILLIAM AILĀ, JR., FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-3-2018**
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

February 23, 2015

1:15 p.m.

Room 224

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** GM510, which seeks to confirm William Ailā, Jr. as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, for a term to expire December 3, 2018.

Under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA), the United States and the State of Hawai‘i are entrusted with the solemn duty to administer the HHCA on behalf of native Hawaiian beneficiaries. The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands accordingly administers approximately 200,000 acres of Hawaiian Home Lands Trust land set aside under the HHCA for residential, agricultural, and pastoral use by native Hawaiian beneficiaries, for whom there are 10,000 existing homestead leases statewide, with 40,000 waitlist applications.

With this kuleana in mind, OHA supports the confirmation of William Ailā, Jr., as Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), and Jobie Masagatani, as Director of DHHL and Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. OHA believes that together, Mr. Ailā and Ms. Masagatani will provide the vision and leadership necessary to guide the DHHL, the Hawaiian Homes Commission, and the State, in fulfilling its fiduciary duties to Native Hawaiians under the HHCA.

Mr. Ailā’s personal and professional background makes him eminently qualified to serve as DHHL Deputy Director. Most recently, Mr. Ailā served for four years as the Director of the State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR), and Chairperson of the Commission on Water Resource Management. As the DLNR Director and BLNR Chairperson, Mr. Ailā led an agency of more than 700 employees in 16 different divisions or offices within the DLNR, in carrying out its critical mission to protect, conserve, and manage Hawai‘i’s unique and invaluable natural, cultural, and historic resources. His many accomplishments at DLNR include securing the final BLNR approval of the Hā‘ena, Kaua‘i community based subsistence fishing area rules; protecting critical watershed areas, through the Rain Follows the Forest initiative; expanding Hawai‘i’s Natural Area Reserve System program; establishing new enforcement mechanisms to better protect our natural

and cultural resources; and working with the community on a variety of cultural and resource issues.

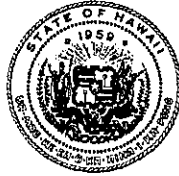
As former DLNR Director and BLNR Chair, Mr. Ailā is therefore well acquainted with the responsibilities and challenges of leading a large state agency. His experience in managing and advocating for DLNR and its programs, including his demonstrated ability to craft or adopt creative problem solving strategies, as well as his proven ability to manage vast tracts of land with environmental and economic responsibility, will likely prove invaluable in advancing the goals of DHHL.

Finally, OHA notes that Mr. Ailā possesses substantial experience working with and for the native Hawaiian community in his personal capacity. A lifelong Wai‘anae resident, he has been a vigorous and effective advocate for protecting Hawaiian burial grounds and other lands Hawaiians consider sacred. He has also served as President of Hui Mālama I Nā Kūpuna as well as the Wai‘anae Community Re-development Corporation, otherwise known as MA‘O Organic Farms. Such experience and insight will add substantially to Mr. Ailā’s capacity to serve DHHL and its beneficiaries.

Therefore, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS GM510.** Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR
STATE OF HAWAII

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
LT. GOVERNOR
STATE OF HAWAII



JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI
CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION

WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
DEPUTY TO THE CHAIRMAN

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DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS**

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TESTIMONY OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
IN SUPPORT OF

**G.M. 510, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy
to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands,
Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM AILA JR., for a term to expire 12-3-
2018**

February 23, 2015

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee:

I submit this testimony in strong support of the confirmation of William Aila Jr. to the position of Deputy to the Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

During his tenure as the Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resource, William demonstrated his ability to lead a complex agency with a multitude of issues and constituencies in a manner that was collaborative, respectful of differing views, but always focused on what was in the best interest of the public trust resources under DLNR's purview. We are blessed at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to have a nominee with such experience.

In his personal capacity, as a spouse of a Hawaiian homestead lessee, William understands firsthand what it means to be a homesteader. Bringing this perspective to DHHL's leadership team can only enhance our ability to make wise decisions that are intended to

be in the best interest of the Hawaiian Home Lands trust and all of its beneficiaries.

In the month that I have had to work with him on a daily basis, I have found him to be humble, thoughtful, loyal, honest and open to all perspectives. He is also a person of action "walking the walk" on matters that are important such as the continuing practice of our culture.

I look forward to the bright future ahead and to all of the positive outcomes that we can accomplish together on behalf of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the families who benefit from our programs.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



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**Testimony of the
CARTY CHANG
Interim Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Monday, February 23, 2015
1:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

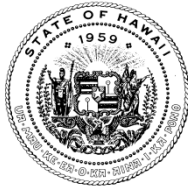
**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 510- SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION AS THE DEPUTY TO CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, WILLIAM JOHNSON
AILA, JR., FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 3, 2018.**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources expresses its strong support for Governor's Message 510 on the confirmation of William J. Aila, Jr. to serve as Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for a term to expire December 3, 2018.

Mr. Aila served as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the past four years. In that role he showed excellent leadership by undertaking to double the amount of forest under watershed management, passing the rules for the Hā'ena community-based fisheries, increasing staff morale, expanding the Natural Area Reserve program, and increasing the Department of Land and Natural Resources' ability to network with other departments, including the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. The Department of Land and Natural Resources is confident that Mr. Aila will bring the same energy, analytical skills, and clear sense of purpose to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Mr. Aila lives on Hawaiian Homestead land and has dedicated much of his life to Hawaiian issues, including stopping live fire bombing in Makua Valley. Mr. Aila is well aware of the issues facing the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and he brings the skills, knowledge and 'ano to address and solve the challenges the State faces. The Department of Land and Natural Resources' loss is the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands' gain.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources encourages this Committee to recommend confirmation of William J. Aila, Jr. as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.



Testimony of
FORD N. FUCHIGAMI
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JADE T. BUTAY
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

STATE OF HAWAII
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February 23, 2015
1:15 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 224

G.M. 510

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM AILA JR., for a term to expire 12-3-2018.

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** the confirmation of William Aila Jr. as the Deputy Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL).

Mr. Aila's strength is the fact that he understands DHHL's responsibilities. As the former Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), an environmentalist, a community activist, and a native Hawaiian cultural practitioner, he has had a lot of experience and knows the critical issues. He doesn't walk in as somebody who agreed to take the job. He walks in as someone who is willing and able and would be instrumental to make DHHL bring parties together.

We have worked with Mr. Aila on several projects. His leadership in bringing to successful completion on land and environmental matters are few examples where his wealth of experience working on challenging issues to improve our state was demonstrated time and time again. He has managed to work with people who have competing interests and differing views in the most constructive and substantive manner. He is astute, steadfast, and dependable and we welcome him in his new role with the utmost confidence he will continue to improve the living conditions of Native Hawaiians.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE

AND BY RODERICK K. BECKER
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE

STATE OF HAWAII

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
ON
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 510

February 23, 2015
1:15 P.M.

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE
DEPUTY TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME
LANDS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, WILLIAM AILA JR.

Dear Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Committee:

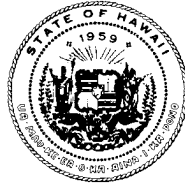
We support the confirmation of William Aila Jr. to the position of Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Governor Ige's administration is committed to addressing the many issues facing our state in a direct and forthright manner. We will strive to do the right thing, the right way to achieve our shared goal of a healthy, sustainable economy to support our kupuna, ourselves, and our children.

William Aila Jr. is an integral part of a team that is committed to achieving the goals of this administration in an honest, transparent, accountable, and responsive manner. Therefore, we support his confirmation as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



CRAIG K. HIRAI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

STATE OF HAWAII

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Statement of
Craig K. Hirai
Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation
Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

February 23, 2015 at 1:15 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 224

In consideration of
G.M. 510

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DEPUTY TO
THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, WILLIAM AILA, JR.**

HHFDC supports the nomination of William Aila, Jr., as the Deputy to the Chairperson for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

In his previous position as Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Mr. Aila supported HHFDC's efforts to lease State lands for the provision of affordable rental housing and authorized staff to work collaboratively with HHFDC. We believe his experience and good character will be assets in his new role at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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KALBERT K. YOUNG
VICE PRESIDENT FOR BUDGET & FINANCE
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

February 23, 2015

The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
And Members
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
415 South Beretania Street, Conference Room 224
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**RE: G.M. 510 - FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE
DEPUTY TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
WILLIAM AILA, JR.**

Dear Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the confirmation of Mr. William Aila, Jr. as the Deputy to the Chairperson for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I am very familiar with Mr. Aila's abilities as a department head, commissioner, and leader. Mr. Aila and I both served as cabinet-level directors under the former governor. Mr. Aila constantly demonstrated an acute ability to patiently engage all interested parties even during very contentious issues. As the Chair for the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Mr. Aila was responsible for stewarding the appropriate use and management of State real property and he did so with distinction. He also proved to be a good leader to all boards and commission members within DLNR. I have had the privilege of serving on a number of boards with Mr. Aila and can personally attest to his patience and strong desire to respect all voice for their perspectives. This is the type of leader that is required in the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

Mr. Aila's background and experience working both within and at the top-tier level of management of a department will be a strong asset for the DHHL and in support of the Chairperson and for the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

I believe having Mr. Aila as the deputy to the Chairperson for DHHL will be of great value to the department and the State of Hawaii. I urge the members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs to support his selection by voting favorably on his nomination and advancing G.M. 510 for full Senate confirmation.

Sincerely,


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STATE OF HAWAII
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To: The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

Re: GM510 (William Aila, Jr.)
Date: Monday, February 23, 2015
Time: 1:15 p.m.
Place: State Capitol, Room 224

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Galuteria, and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of the nomination of William Aila, Jr. as Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

As the longtime and well respected resident and homesteader in Waianae, the Governor could not have found a more qualified and committed nominee for DHHL then Mr. Aila. I have personally worked with Mr. Aila for over 15 years in my former capacity as a Chair and Member of the Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board and community organizations like Mohala I Ka Wai, Ordnance Reef Coordinating Council, DLNR Kaena Point Advisory Group, Waianae Watershed Management Plan Focus Group, and Baseline Environmental Study of the Waianae Coast, to name a few. Mr. Aila's many years of public service as the Chairperson of Board of Land and Natural Resources as well as Harbor Master for the Waianae Small Boat Harbor makes him an asset to DHHL.

It is truly my honor and privilege to submit this testimony in support of Mr. Aila's nomination. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Jo Jordan, Representative
44th District
Waianae, Makaha, Makua, Maili



Department of Land and Natural Resources
Aha Moku Advisory Committee
State of Hawaii

**Testimony of
Les Kuloloio, Chair
Aha Moku Advisory Committee**

**Before the Senate Committee on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Monday, February 23, 2015
1:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 510- SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS
THE DEPUTY TO CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, WILLIAM JOHNSON AILA, JR., FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE
DECEMBER 3, 2018.**

The Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC) expresses its strong support for the confirmation of William J. Aila, Jr. to serve as Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homesteads.

AMAC was attached to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) in 2012 with the passage of Act 288, §171.4-5. Its mission is that it may advise the Chairman of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) on issues related to natural and cultural resources through the Aha Moku System.

For the first time in history, the AMAC, an entity comprised of communities of an ahupua'a, through traditional and generational resource methodology, was able to bring forward best practices and issues that impact that specific ahupua'a. Mr. Aila, as Immediate Past-Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) made it possible for the AMAC to begin and implement this important Hawaiian process of natural and cultural resource management; and develop a strong working rapport with the department and Board.

He showed excellent leadership because, as a Native Hawaiian practitioner himself, he understood the complexities of working with the 43 different moku, over 500 specific ahupua'a and 8 main Hawaiian Islands throughout the Pae'Aina, or State of Hawaii. His success in this endeavor surely will stand him in good stead at DHHL as he works with the 23 existing Hawaiian Homestead Associations.

Understanding and working within the specific nuances of the Homestead Associations takes an incredible amount of knowledge and understanding because each Homestead is unique unto itself and its location. Mr. Aila's administrative abilities will easily enable him to address the many challenges that face DHHL. But more importantly, his generational knowledge of the Hawaiian culture and its people will give him the compassion and *'ike* that is needed to round out the success of his appointment.

Mr. Aila lives on Hawaiian Homestead land and has dedicated much of his life to Hawaiian issues. He is well aware of the issues facing the Department of Hawaiian Homelands, and he brings the skills, knowledge and *'ano* to address and solve the challenges the department faces. The Aha Moku Advisory Committee encourages this Committee to recommend confirmation of William J. Aila, Jr. as the Deputy Director of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.



KO`OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

February 21, 2015

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF G.M. 510
Appointment of William Aila Jr. as Deputy Director
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

To: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro, Chair
And Members, Hawaiian Affairs Committee

From: Alice P. Hewett, President
Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

Aloha mai kakou!

The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club offers its strong and unequivocal support for the confirmation of William Aila Jr. as deputy director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Our club has found Mr. Aila's prior service to our state and to the community to be of exceptionally high quality; from the day he first began work with DLNR, for example, he supported our Kane'ohe bay communities by helping to eliminate illegal activities that endangered people visiting Ahu o Laka. He has always welcome input from our community, and encouraged his staff to work closely with our members to support responsible stewardship of our precious resources.

He has never lost the "common touch", the ability to work with people from all different backgrounds. In our view, this will help him to work with both the DHHL staff and their beneficiaries as we move forward with improvements for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. He will certainly prove to be an asset to the director.

We urge your favorable vote for his confirmation.

Mahalo nui loa.

The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club was established in 1937 and is a not-for-profit community organization dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the history, heritage and culture of Native Hawaiians. Its membership is open to people of Hawaiian ancestry and those who are "Hawaiian at heart".



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February 19, 2015

The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
Senate Committee On Hawaiian Affairs
State Capitol, Room 222
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Shimabukuro and Members of the Senate Committee On Hawaiian Affairs:

SUBJECT: Testimony In Support of Governor's Message 510 Relating to the Confirmation of Mr. William Aila, Jr. as Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

I am submitting written testimony in strong support of Mr. William Aila, Jr.'s confirmation as Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). Mr. Aila has the experience and leadership qualities needed to help guide and direct this complex Hawaiian agency. He understands State government and the native Hawaiian community, and will be an asset in helping to move the Hawaiian home lands program forward.

I worked at DHHL for nearly nineteen years; serving as Planning Administrator, Executive Assistant and Deputy to the Chairperson. I understand the Deputy's role and responsibilities, and I believe Mr. Aila will do an excellent job in this capacity.

As the former Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Mr. Aila has demonstrated that he has the leadership skills needed to handle the Deputy's job. He is intelligent and articulate, understands land and resource management issues, and conducts himself with the highest standards of honesty and integrity. As a homesteader, Mr. Aila will also bring his personal knowledge and experience to his new position.

It is for these reasons that I humbly urge your favorable confirmation of Mr. William Aila, Jr. as Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Aloha and Mahalo,

Ben Henderson
President and Executive Director



Testimony of ValueRock Realty Partners
To the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs (HWN)
In support of Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM AILA, For Deputy to the Chairperson of the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (GM 510)

February 23, 2015

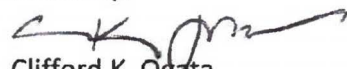
Aloha Honorable Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of Valuerock Realty Partners I am writing in support of Governor's Message 510, and we ask that you confirm William Aila to be the Deputy to the Chairman for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Our ownership supports strong leadership in the Native Hawaiian community and we believe Mr. Aila is a strong leader that is needed to support the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Mr. Aila is a homesteader and his experience will provide important insights in decision-making at the DHHL on behalf of the beneficiaries. His professional experience as both the Waianae Harbor Master and as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources speak for themselves. Many of the actions taken at DLNR under his tenure directly and positively impacted our community in Hilo, Hawaii . We are encouraged by his appointment to be a leader at DHHL.

Our ownership supports Mr. Aila and we hope you will take into account his experience and credentials as you make the decision to advise and consent to his appointment as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Sincerely,



Clifford K. Ogata

Hawaii Managing Director



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TESTIMONY BY CLYDE T. HAYASHI HAWAII LECET

COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, February 23, 2015
TIME: 1:15 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 224
State Capitol, 415 South Beretania St

TESTIMONY ON GM 510

TO THE HONORABLE MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, CHAIR, BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA, VICE CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Clyde T. Hayashi, and I am the Director of Hawaii Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust (LECET). Hawaii LECET is a labor-management partnership between the Hawaii Laborers Union, Local 368 and its 250+ unionized contractors.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** for GM 510, which submits for consideration and confirmation Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM AILA, as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, for a term to expire on 12-31-2018.

As the former Chair for both the Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Mr. Aila has shown through his work that he is capable of making fair and sound decisions on controversial issues, a skill that will be important in his position as Deputy for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. As the former Director for DLNR, he managed one of the largest State Departments and worked tirelessly with legislators and the public to fulfill DLNR's mission to protect and manage Hawaii's unique natural, cultural and historic resources.

I strongly believe that Mr. Aila has the commitment, skills, knowledge, and experience needed to serve as Deputy for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

For these reason, I humbly ask for your **SUPPORT** of William Aila as Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

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February 23, 2015

The Honorable Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Chair
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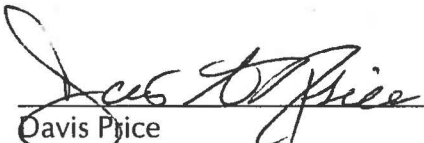
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Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee:

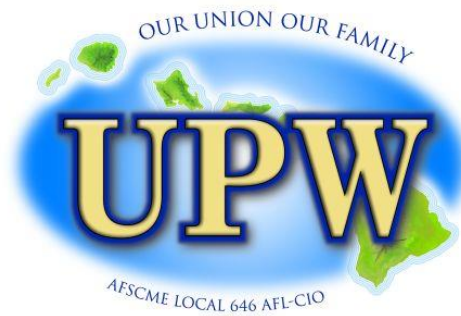
The Hawaiian Affairs Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii strongly supports Governor Ige's nomination of William Aila as Deputy to the Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Our caucus supports strong leadership in the Native Hawaiian community and we believe Mr. Aila is the strong leader that is needed to support the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Mr. Aila is a homesteader and his experience will provide important insights in decision-making at the DHHL on behalf of the beneficiaries. His professional experience as both the Waianae Harbor Master and as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources speak for themselves. Many of the actions taken at DLNR under his tenure directly and positively impacted our community. We are encouraged by his appointment to be a leader at DHHL.

Our organization supports Mr. Aila and we hope you will take into account his experience and credentials as you make the decision to advise and consent to his appointment as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.



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The Honorable Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
The Honorable Senator, Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

DATE OF HEARING: Monday, February 23, 2015
TIME OF HEARING: 1:15 p.m.
PLACE OF HEARING: Conference Room 224
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TESTIMONY ON GM 510, WILLIAM AILA JR.

By DAYTON M. NAKANELUA,
State Director of the United Public Workers,
AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO ("UPW")

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua and I am the State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive representative for approximately 14,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 1 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members of the private sector.

On behalf of our organization and its members, I respectfully request that your committee confirm the Governor's nomination of William Aila to serve as Deputy to the Chairman of the Hawaiian Home Lands.

William Aila has years of experience in public service and community advocacy and a proven track record in leadership in his capacity of Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. He has demonstrated strong management skills, support of the staff, keen insight into resource management, and a well-balanced leadership style. We look forward to working with him and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

The UPW respectfully asks that your committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to William Aila's nomination to serve as the Deputy to the Department of Hawaiian Homes. We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony in support.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
De MONT R. D. CONNER	Ho'omana Pono, LLC.	Support	No

Comments: We STRONGLY SUPPORT Bill Aila, Jr. as Deputy Director of DHHL, since he will complement Jobie Masagatani & form a great working partnership for the Benefit of Kanaka MAOLI beneficiaries, and others seeking to lease DHHL lands for businesses. Please Confirm Bill Aila, Jr. as Deputy Director for DHHL.

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Testimony to the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs Monday, February 23, 2015 1:15 p.m.

State Capitol - Conference Room 224

RE: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGES NO. 509 AND 510, CONFIRMATION AS CHAIRPERSON AND DEPUTY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

Chair Shimabukuro and Vice Chair Galuteria and members of the committee:

My name is Gladys Marrone, Chief Executive Officer for the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii), the Voice of the Construction Industry. We promote our members through advocacy and education, and provide community outreach programs to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii. BIA-Hawaii is a not-for-profit professional trade organization chartered in 1955, and affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders.

BIA-Hawaii **strongly supports** the nominations of Ms. Jobie Masagatani as the Chairperson, and Mr. William Aila as Deputy, of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

Ms. Masagatani brings a wealth of experience both in the business community and in native Hawaiian issues. She just recently served as Chairperson of DHHL since 2013, and also previously served as DHHL's Deputy Director from 1995 to 2002. Ms. Masagatani previously served as a Land Investment Analyst for Kamehameha Schools.

She also previously served as the Special Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer, at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) and as an Assistant to the President and CEO of The Queen's Health Systems, where her area of focus was Native Hawaiian health.

Mr. Aila has been involved in not only the Native Hawaiian community, but the community at large through his years of experience as the Harbor Master with the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and, most recently, as the Chairperson of the DLNR.

We believe this "team" is well suited to lead the DHHL because they bring a commitment to providing housing to Native Hawaiian beneficiaries while balancing the financial obligations of developing these communities.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our support on these nominations.



COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

DATE: Monday, February 23, 2015
TIME: 1:15 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 224

Speaking in Strong Support

RE: Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM AILA JR., for a term to expire 12-3-2018.

Aloha Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Chair, Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs.

My name is Jim Coon. I am the President of the Ocean Tourism Coalition, representing the Charter Boat industry across the state. I have known William J. Aila Jr. for over 20 years. I have worked closely with Mr. Aila when he was Chair of DLNR working on various boating issues. We were surprised when Mr. Aila was not re appointed as DLNR Chair. We felt he did an admirable job in that position and are sorry to see him leave. Having said that, we believe he will be a huge asset to DHHL as Deputy to the Chair.

We humbly ask you to approve of his nomination.

Sincerely,

James E. Coon, President,
Ocean Tourism Coalition
captcoon@gmail.com
808-870-9115



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Testimony of Joe Kuhio Lewis

**In support of GM 510, Confirmation to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
Gubernatorial Nominee, William Aila**

To the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Hearing: Monday, February 23, 2015 at 1:15 p.m., Room 224

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer **support** for Governor Ige's nomination of William Aila to be the Deputy to the Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC), and to support the leadership of the director at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

I currently serve as the president of the Kapolei Community Development Corporation (KCDC), a 501(c)(3) Hawaiian home lands beneficiary organization founded on the tenets of community, culture, education, and partnership in our homestead community. We work in partnership with the DHHL to realize our community goals and vision to develop a multi-purpose community hub in Kapolei adjacent to the DHHL headquarters.

Over the past six years, DHHL has been in a constant state of flux with changes in executive leadership with four different chairmen and seven deputies to the chairman. These shifts in leadership have been detrimental to not only the DHHL, but to the homestead lessees and applicants, too. Strong and stable leadership is needed, and Mr. Aila will bring the leadership that is needed now. Mr. Aila is a homesteader and his experience will provide important insights in decision-making at the DHHL on behalf of the beneficiaries. He has a long-standing track records of nearly thirty years of public service, and through this service, he understands the value of building strong reciprocating relationships to help advance the collective interests of the native Hawaiian community and our state. We respectfully urge you to advise and consent to Mr. Aila's nomination.

O wau me ka ha'aha'a,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Joe Kuhio Lewis', written over the printed name.

Kuhio Lewis

Testimony of the Anahola Farmers and Ranchers Association
To the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs (HWN)
In support of Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM AILA, For Deputy to the Chairperson of the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (GM 510)

February 23, 2015

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee,

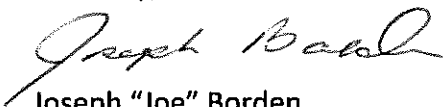
On behalf of the Anahola Farmers and Ranchers Association also known as AFARA I am writing in support of Governor's Message 510, and we ask that you confirm William Aila to be the Deputy to the Chairman for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Our Association supports strong leadership in the Native Hawaiian community and we believe Mr. Aila is a strong leader that is needed to support the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Mr. Aila is a homesteader and his experience will provide important insights in decision-making at the DHHL on behalf of the beneficiaries. His professional experience as both the Waianae Harbor Master and as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources speak for themselves. We are encouraged by his appointment to be a leader at DHHL.

Our organization supports Mr. Aila and we hope you will take into account his experience and credentials as you make the decision to advise and consent to his appointment as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Aloha and Mahalo for all that you do,

Sincerely,



Joseph "Joe" Borden
President, Anahola Farmers and Ranchers Association



HAWAII REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS

February 20, 2015

The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair,
The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Governor's Message 510

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, William Aila Jr.

Monday, February 23, 2015, 1:00 p.m., Conference Room 224, State Capitol

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Galuteria, and members of the committee,

My name is Kai Hoohuli, and I am a service representative with the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters, which represents 6,000 union carpenters and drywall installers in the state. I **support** the governor's nomination of William Aila, Jr. as the deputy to the chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

As the former chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Mr. Aila managed and protected public lands, water resources, ocean waters, navigable streams, coastal areas, minerals, and other matter within the department's jurisdiction—encompassing nearly 1.3 million acres of state land and 750 miles of coastline. He also chaired the seven-person Board of Land and Natural Resources, which is responsible for overseeing land leases, development plans, permit applications, and program actions.

Mr. Aila is a dedicated environmentalist, cultural practitioner, and community leader. He has worked as a state public servant for the past 28 years, first as the harbormaster for Waianae Boat Harbor before heading the DLNR.

Mr. Aila's extensive experience, commitment, and compassion will be a huge asset for our community, for Hawaiian Home Lands, and for the native Hawaiians the department serves.

For the reasons mentioned above, I humbly ask for your favorable consideration of Mr. William Aila's nomination to serve as the deputy to the chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Sincerely,

Ralph "Kai" Hoohuli
Service Representative

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kamaki Kanahele	Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands Assem	Support	Yes

Comments: As the Chairman of the SCHHA, I support the confirmation of William Aila, Jr as the deputy director of the DHHL. I will speak to his support at the confirmation hearings.

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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015 | 1:15 P.M. | ROOM 224**

**In Support of Gubernatorial Nominee WILLIAM AILA, JR.
For Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (GM 510)**

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Honorable Senators:

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of William Aila, Jr. and the confirmation of his appointment to Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Pelatron Q is a joint venture between Solena Q and Pelatron Power Evolution that was formed to achieve the technology goal of a clean sustainable energy source for both government and commercial organizations in the State of Hawaii. The Pelatron Center for Economic Development (PCED) actively supports the economic welfare of Native Hawaiians through public and private educational, community and business partnerships. The partnerships provide mentoring, training, business incubation and other activities that promote innovation and entrepreneurship.

Pelatron Q supports strong leadership in the Native Hawaiian community and we believe Mr. Aila is a strong leader that is needed to support the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Mr. Aila is a homesteader and his experience will provide important insights in decision-making at the DHHL on behalf of the beneficiaries. His professional experience as both the Waianae Harbor Master and as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources speak for themselves. Many of the actions taken at DLNR under his tenure directly and positively impacted communities across Hawaii. We are encouraged by his appointment to be a leader at DHHL.

I am honored to submit testimony in strong support of Mr. Aila, and I ask your committee to advise and consent to his nomination.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kekoa McClellan', is positioned above the printed name.

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Ko`olau Foundation

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February 21, 2015

To: Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair / & Members
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

From: Mahealani Cypher
Secretary/Board Member
Ko`olau Foundation

Re: G.M. 510 – Supporting Appointment of William Aila Jr.

On behalf of the board of directors of the Ko`olau Foundation, I am pleased to offer this testimony in strong support of William Aila Jr. to serve as deputy director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

We have worked with Mr. Aila for many years and have found him to have great integrity, exceptional managerial and professional skills, and a high dedication to public service.

Both in his reputation prior to and during his tenure as director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Mr. Aila demonstrated his ability to understand complex issues relating to natural and cultural resources. He was a leader in his community dealing with land and sea issues, and therefore was well-qualified to serve in that position.

As a Native Hawaiian, Mr. Aila will bring extraordinary talent to assist the director, the department, and the Hawaiian people in managing the resources of DHHL wisely and well.

We urge your committee – and the Senate – to act favorably on this nomination and to confirm his appointment forthwith.

Mahalo for this opportunity to offer our mana`o.

Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i
Supporting GM 510 Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as the
Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands,
Gubernatorial Nominee William Aila, Jr.
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Monday, February 23, 2015, 1:15PM, Rm. 224

For more than 35 years, The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i has been working closely with government agencies, local businesses, private landowners, non-profit partners, and interested communities across the state to preserve the lands and waters upon which all life in these islands depends. The Conservancy is a private non-profit conservation organization that has helped to protect nearly 200,000 acres of natural lands in Hawai'i. Today, we actively manage more than 35,000 acres in 11 nature preserves on Maui, Hawai'i, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, and Kaua'i, and support 19 coastal communities seeking to co-manage marine resources in partnership with the State of Hawai'i.

The Nature Conservancy strongly supports the confirmation of William Aila as Deputy for the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL).

We have enjoyed and appreciated working with Mr. Aila over the last several years in his role as Chairman of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR/DLNR). During his tenure at DLNR, he has demonstrated time and again his extensive local knowledge and experience related to marine and fisheries management issues. We have found him to be a strong leader who is easy to approach, open to diverse points of view, capable of changing his position when presented with new information, eager to bring people together, and always respectful in his interactions with others – whether he agrees with them or not. William is also diligent in pursuing extensive public and stakeholder engagement in decision-making processes. We believe these skills will continue to serve him well at DHHL.

Mr. Aila is clearly committed to the care and perpetuation of Hawaii's natural and cultural resources, and he understands the balance needed to meet both the responsibilities of sustainable resource management and the needs of people. This commitment to Hawai'i's people and environment, combined with his deep roots in the community, and his clear understanding of governance issues are a rare combination that made him an extremely effective BLNR Chair. He also has the right combination of humility, compassion, patience, and perseverance to succeed. While we truly miss his presence at DLNR, we are grateful for his time and accomplishments there, and know he will bring the same passion and dedication to his new role at DHHL.

Thank you for this opportunity to support Mr. Aila's confirmation.

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February 11, 2015

Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuro
Chairperson, Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 222
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Re: William Aila

Dear Senator Shimabukuro:

I am writing in strong support of William Aila as Deputy Director of Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

During the time that Mr. Aila was the chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, I had numerous occasions to observe Mr. Aila at public hearings, Land Board meetings and conferences with Mr. Aila and his staff.

Mr. Aila is a hard working public servant. He is an excellent listener, giving everyone an opportunity to express their opinion on a variety of issues. Mr. Aila understands the diverse interests of the public and the competing demands and pressures of the community.

In addition to substantive knowledge and experience, Mr. Aila has a reputation for integrity, objectivity, good judgment, and diplomacy. He has a lifetime of public service.

In my opinion, Mr. Aila will help to stabilize the programs of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, specifically, and the Hawaiian community generally. I believe that William Aila would do an excellent job as a Deputy Director of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

Very truly yours,
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By 
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Testimony in **SUPPORT** to GM 510
Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement

Aloha Chair Shimabukuo, Vice Chair Galuteria and members of the Committee. My name is Michelle Kauhane, President and CEO at the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA). I thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on GM 510 to support the confirmation of Bill Aila as the Deputy Director for the State Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

CNHA is hopeful about that Bill Aila represents the change we believe is necessary at DHHL. Under Mr. Aila's leadership at DLNR the rural community of Ha'eana on Kauai has the distinction of being the first place in the state to have traditional Hawaiian fishing practices preserved as part of state rules. Under Mr. Aila's leadership, the first-ever package of rules proposed by Native Hawaiian subsistence fishers from the community itself, were approved. Prior to that, Ha'eana, was established as a Community-based Fisheries Subsistence Area since 2006. Mr. Aila worked with the local community, understood and embraced the expertise of traditional knowledge and practices and boldly supported the use of Hawaiian fishing tradition to ensure the future. It is this kind of leadership that CNHA looks forward to with Mr. Aila as the Deputy at DHHL.

We need leadership at DHHL that is willing to work with the beneficiary community to make a paradigm shift in terms of how DHHL does its business. We need leaders who are unafraid to partner. We need leaders who can collaborate and implement the best and the brightest ideas to help improve and support our trust, even when those ideas come from community. We need leadership that embraces the desire by beneficiaries for self-determination.

For many years DHHL has been plagued with paternalism, and various levels of dysfunction that have left beneficiaries disenfranchised from the trust. It is time for our leadership at DHHL to embrace beneficiaries as part of the solution. CNHA is hopeful that Bill Aila has the ability and leadership qualities to change the trajectory of the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust. CNHA supports the appointment of Bill Aila and we look forward to working with him.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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Native Hawaiian Chamber	Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce	Support	No

Comments: Attached is our testimony in support.

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**Testimony of Nancy Bottelo/Special Olympics Hawai'i
To the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs (HWN)
In support of Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM AILA, For Deputy to the Chairperson of the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (GM 510)**

February 13, 2015

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of Special Olympics Hawai'i I am writing in support of Governor's Message 510, and we ask that you confirm William Aila to be the Deputy to the Chairman for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Our organization supports strong leadership in the Native Hawaiian community and we believe Mr. Aila is a strong leader that is needed to support the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Mr. Aila is a homesteader and his experience will provide important insights in decision-making at the DHHL on behalf of the beneficiaries. His professional experience as both the Waianae Harbor Master and as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources speak for themselves. Many of the actions taken at DLNR under his tenure directly and positively impacted our community, including the support of our upcoming building of the Special Olympics Sports and Wellness Center in Kapolei. We are encouraged by his appointment to be a leader at DHHL.

Our organization supports Mr. Aila and we hope you will take into account his experience and credentials as you make the decision to advise and consent to his appointment as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

On behalf of our athletes, their families and friends, mahalo nui loa,

Nancy Bottelo
President and CEO



Auamo I Na Alaka'i (AINA)

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THE CONFIRMATION
OF JOBIE MASAGATANI (GM 509) AS DIRECTOR OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS (DHHL) AND
WILLIAM AILA, JR. AS DEPUTY TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS (DHHL)

Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
Hawai'i State Capitol Building
Monday, February 23, 2015
1:15 pm – Room 224

Honorable Chair and Sen. Maile S. L. Shimabukuro and Vice Chair Brickwood Galuteria, and Committee members, Aloha kakou!

My name is Paul P. Richards, President of Auamo I Na Alaka'i or AINA a Hawai'i non-profit organization whose purpose, *"supports all Hawaiian Homestead community organizations in Hawai'i by strengthening their capacity building and exploring opportunities towards self-governance through education, training and exploration."* We helped provide training to over 36 Hawaiian homestead communities' residents and their leaders through various venues.

We submit this testimony in *strong support of the confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as Chairperson and Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) and William Aila, Jr as Deputy to the Chairperson.*

Since Jobie's confirmation as Chairperson and Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) she has continued to work diligently and accomplished many milestones while attaining and addressing operational and internal concerns of the department.

We realize the challenges which DHHL and its leadership encountered during the last gubernatorial administration; however, the relationship with the various Hawaiian homestead communities, its beneficiaries and applicants continue to strengthen and strongly support her work, efforts and accomplishments. With the strong support of the appointed deputy William Aila, this will solidify and focus the entire DHHL team on Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole vision on the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920.



Auamo I Na Alaka'i (AINA)

February 23, 2015

Testimony in Strong Support GM 509 & GM 510

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We submit this testimony in strong support and ask for your committee's full confirmation of both Jobie Masagatani and William Aila, Jr. as Director and Deputy Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Me kealoha pumehana,

Paul P. Richards

Paul P. Richards
President

Josiah Ho'ohuli

Josiah "Uncle Black" Ho'ohuli
Vice President

Shirley Swinney

Shirley Swinney
Secretary

Elmer Kaai

Elmer Kaai
Treasurer



**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Monday, February 23, 2015 at 1:15 P.M.
Conference Room 224, State Capitol**

RE: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGES NO. 509 AND 510

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii ("The Chamber") **strongly supports** GM 509, which submits for consideration and confirmation Gubernatorial Nominee JOBIE MASAGATANI as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and GM 510, which submits for consideration and confirmation Gubernatorial Nominee WILLIAM AILA JR. as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

The Chamber is the largest business organization in Hawaii, representing about 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

Ms. Masagatani brings a wealth of experience both in the business community and in active Hawaiian issues. She served as the Special Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer, at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) and as an Assistant to the President and CEO of The Queen's Health Systems, where her area of focus was Native Hawaiian health.

Ms. Masagatani also previously served as DHHL Director since 2013, and Deputy Director from 1995 to 2002. She also previously served as a Land Investment Analyst for Kamehameha Schools.

Mr. Aila has been involved in not only the Native Hawaiian community, but the community at large through his years of experience as the Harbor Master with the Department of Land and Natural Resources, and most recently as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

We believe that this "team" is well suited to lead the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands as it requires a commitment to providing housing to its Native Hawaiian beneficiaries while balancing the financial obligations of developing these communities.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our comments on these nominations.

From: [Summer Keliipio](#)
To: [HWNTestimony](#)
Subject: GM 510 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM AILA
Date: Friday, February 20, 2015 8:28:09 AM

Testimony of Summer Keliipio, President

Princess Kaiulani HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

IN SUPPORT

GM 510 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the
Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands,
Gubernatorial Nominee,
WILLIAM AILA, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

February 23, 2015

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and members of the Committee,

On behalf of the [Name] Hawaiian Civic Club, I am writing in support of Governor's Message 510, and we ask that you confirm William Aila to be the Deputy to the Chairman for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Our Hawaiian Civic Club supports strong leadership in the Native Hawaiian community and we believe Mr. Aila is a strong leader that is needed to support the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Mr. Aila is a homesteader and his experience will provide important insights in decision-making at the DHHL on behalf of the beneficiaries. His professional experience as both the Waianae Harbor Master and as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources speak for themselves. Many of the actions taken at DLNR under his tenure directly and positively impacted communities across the state. We are encouraged by his appointment to be a leader at DHHL.

Our Hawaiian Civic Club supports Mr. Aila and we hope you will take into account his experience and credentials as you make the decision to advise and consent to his appointment as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Mahalo nui loa,

Summer Keliipio

President

Princess Kaiulani Hawaiian Civic Club



Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Monday, February 23, 2015 at 1:15 p.m.

by
Trisha K. Watson, Ph.D, Senior Consultant
Honua Consulting

GM 510 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM AILA JR., for a term to expire 12-3-2018.

Position: Support

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for opportunity to offer my strong support for William Aila Jr., as the deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

As the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), I believe that he moved the department further with respect to caring for the ‘aina and wai. Through bold initiatives, he tackled the long-standing problems that have plagued DLNR during the previous administration. Mr. Aila solidify the State’s long standing relations with its federal partners.

This experience will benefit the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Hawaiian Home Lands Trust and Trust’s beneficiaries. I encourage the committee to support Ms. William Aila as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Cc: amybrinker@mac.com
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GM510

Submitted on: 2/22/2015

Testimony for HWN on Feb 23, 2015 13:15PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amy Brinker	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Monday 23, 2015

Conference Room 224, 1:15 pm

GM 510 – Confirmation of William Aila as Deputy Director of the State Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

My name is Analika Nahulu and I'm a lifetime, third generation leaser to Lot 104 on the Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead. On behalf of family members and their children who will succeed to their parcels like: Genevieve Nahulu Burns leaser to lot #59, Jan Burns leaser to lot #107, Kandiss Nahulu-Mahelona of Ualakahiki St., Vaughn L. Victor of Pohakunui Ave., family applicants like: Nola Nahulu of Keeaumoku St. and Laraline Keohokapu of Nanakuli Ave. we express our written SUPPORT for William 'Aila as Deputy Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. We also support appointment of new commissioners as the Department evolves.

We support and commend William Aila for his latest work as the Director of Land and Natural Resources. Those were challenging times requiring extraordinary people skills, character, values and a genuine love for 'aina now and in the future.

We have generational and island wide experiences with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and draw on them in sharing today. Bill Aila would be a wonderful asset to the management team at the Department, with Commissioners, and in the communities. He brings experiences beyond his previous appointment and exceptional management accomplishments in his last tenure.

Thank for this opportunity and wish you all success.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Cc: molokairep1@gmail.com
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GM510

Submitted on: 2/22/2015

Testimony for HWN on Feb 23, 2015 13:15PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Beverly Pauole Moore	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in full support for the determination and consideration for William Aila, Jr. to the Department of Hawaiian Homes Land, Deputy Chairperson position. William Aila, Jr. is an asset to our Hawaiian Community and is a team player that will bring forward the vision and goals for our beneficiaries. He is a good listener, respectful, a humble and kind person both in and out and working with the Chairperson it will be a win win situation. The word TRUST is everything. He comes with excellent work experience and when I heard of his appointment I was happy because he is a genuine person that can work with our beneficiaries. He will continue to follow the Hawaiian Homestead Act to our people... Aloha and Mahalo, Beverly Pauole-Moore, Hoolehua, Molokai homesteader

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Oka's Auto Body and Paint
94-173 Leokane Street
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2/19/2015

Testimony of (Carl A. Vincenti individually and Oka's Auto Body and Paint)
To the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs (HWN)

In support of Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM AILA, For Deputy to the Chairperson of the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (GM 510)

February 23, 2015

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of [Carl A Vincenti and Oka's Auto Body and Paint], I am writing in support of Governor's Message 510, and we ask that you confirm William Aila to be the Deputy to the Chairman for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

We support the strong leadership that has been depicted by Mr. Aila over the twenty plus years of knowing him serving as a public servant in the great State of Hawaii. He is known to have the utmost integrity and has presented fairness across the entire spectrum of **ALL** the people of the State of Hawaii and we believe Mr. Aila is a strong leader that is needed to support the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

We know that Mr. Aila is a homesteader himself, that has provided honest and fair testimony numerous times and his experience will provide important insights in decision-making at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands on behalf of all the beneficiaries.

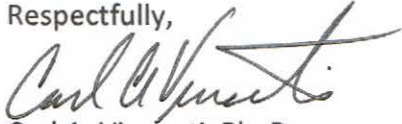
His professional experience as both the Waianae Harbor Master and as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources speak for themselves. Many of the actions taken at Department of Land and Natural Resources under his tenure directly and positively impacted our community and State Wide.

As a responsible member of our community he is passionate, unwavering, well read, and takes positive actions only after he has educated himself in all aspects of every issue. He is well mannered, professional and articulate when speaking to issues or concerns on those areas he has represented in the past as an individual or a public servant!

We are encouraged by his appointment to be a leader at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and know that he will be a valuable asset to the department.

I personally and our business Oka's Auto Body which is coming up on its 50th anniversary operating responsibly since 1965 in Waipahu, supports Mr. Aila and we can only hope you will take into account his years of experience working with people and his professional credentials, as well as his commitment to our great state as a public servant that has proved to be a champion of the people as you make the decision to advise and consent to his appointment as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Respectfully,



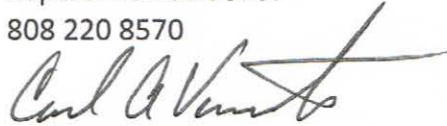
Carl A. Vincenti, Ph. D.

Individually

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Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Monday, February 23, 2014, 1:15 PM

Re: GM510, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, William Aila Jr., for a term to expire 12-31-2018

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs. My name is Charles Toguchi and I am providing written testimony today in **strong support** of William Aila's gubernatorial nomination to serve as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I have had the privilege of knowing William Aila for more than 25 years. During that time, he has impressed me with his genuine concern for others...his willingness to walk that extra mile to help those in need...and his strong work ethics. As Chair of DLNR, he worked tirelessly to fulfill the mission of the department.

Above all, Mr. Aila is known for his strong and inclusive leadership style. Leadership is action...and William Aila has proven with his positive action...forward thinking vision...integrity and dedication.. that he can get the job done. In this troubled world of ours, we need someone like William Aila who is always ready by thought, words, and action...to reach out and make our State a better place to live for all of Hawaii's people.

Without any reservations, I strongly urge your favorable consideration of William Aila's nomination as Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Mahalo for the opportunity to present this written testimony.

Aloha,
Charles T. Toguchi



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February 23, 2015

The Honorable Maile Shimabukuro, Chair
And Committee Members
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Senate
415 S. Beretania Street, #222
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM 510 Consideration and Confirmation as the Deputy to the Chairperson of
the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, William Aila Jr.,
for a term to expire 12-31-2018

Dear Chair Shimabukuro and Committee Members:

Thank you for your consideration of William Aila Jr., as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I support the nomination of Mr. Aila as the Deputy to the Chairperson. I feel that Mr. Aila has very strong leadership and management skills that will provide him with the tools that are necessary to assist the Chairperson in providing further growth and development of resources and services for Native Hawaiians.

We have worked with Mr. Aila and believe that his experiences at the Department of Land and Natural Resources, as well as his sensitivity for his culture as well as the larger will aide him in his new role.

I believe that together, the Deputy and the Chairperson will have the ability to create many opportunities for Native Hawaiian communities as well as the larger communities that surround and interact with them.

I urge you to support the nomination of William Aila Jr., as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Thank you for your consideration and for this opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

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Danton S. Wong

Darrell T. Young
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February 23, 2015
1:15 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 224

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy to the Chairperson
of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM
AILA JR., for a term to expire 12-3-2018**

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Committee Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Galuteria and members of the committee, I am writing in **strong support** of William Aila Jr. as Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I have known Mr. Aila for a number of years as a passionate community and Native Hawaiian advocate, as the Harbor Master for the Waianae Boat Harbor, and most recently as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. As his immediate predecessor as Deputy to the Chairperson at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, I worked closely with Mr. Aila in the previous administration and know that he is the best person for this job.

As a native Hawaiian beneficiary living on Hawaiian Home Lands, Mr. Aila knows firsthand the struggles and frustrations facing the beneficiaries the department serves and can provide a knowing insight to staff to help shape decisions and procedures to increase assistance and services to them. Additionally, his proven ability to bring all parties together to examine difficult issues and break them down into easily manageable segments that are agreeable to most parties is just what is needed to support Ms. Masagatani as Chair.

Finally, his earned and respected expertise in land utilization and land preservation matters that was gained from his tenure as Chair of DLNR is much welcomed and will help stabilize the department's efforts in revamping their land disposition programs.

Mr. Aila is a consummate professional and a person who always places the needs of the public, now in this case, the needs of the beneficiaries, before his own.

I humbly ask that you confirm his nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

February 23, 2015

To: The Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Chair Maile Shimabukuro

From: Darrell Yagodich (darrell.yagodich@gmail.com)

Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 510, CONFIRMATION OF WILLIAM AILA, JR., AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro and members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs. I appreciate this opportunity to testify in support of WILLIAM AILA, JR., as Deputy Director to the Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC). I am a native Hawaiian beneficiary, an undivided interest homestead lessee at Waiohuli, Maui, which means I have a homestead lease and no improved homestead lot to settle on. I retired last year after 35 years at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). Over the years, I came to know Bill as a native Hawaiian, a homesteader, and Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Bill Aila brings a tremendous amount of knowledge and skills to DHHL. As trustee to the public land trust and Water Commission, he is very familiar with the complex and controversial legal, technical, and community issues surrounding decisions on public land, cultural and natural resources, and water resources. These same issues are involved in Hawaiian home lands trust matters.

As a native Hawaiian and homesteader with management experience, Mr. Aila brings a unique perspective to this position. I believe that, like me, other native Hawaiians and the community at large respect Bill Aila for his ability to grasp the issues, make difficult decisions, and manage a large organization effectively.

I urge you to confirm William Aila, Jr., as Deputy Director to the HHC Chairman. Jobie Masagatani and Bill make a terrific team and I look forward to the much-needed forward movement and results they will bring to Hawaiian home lands. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of his confirmation.

Honorable Senator Maile Shimabukuro
Honorable Senator Brickwood Galuteria
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Re: Confirmation of Jobie Masagatani as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home
Lands

Aloha Senators:

This letter is in support of Jobie Masagatani's nomination as Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Jobie is intelligent, thoughtful and truly cares for the well being of the native Hawaiian beneficiaries and creating opportunities for beneficiaries to be successful.

I have served on the DHHL Commission since May of 2014. While the current challenges affecting the Department are many, the leadership of Ms Masagatani has been instrumental in steadying the Department and implementing priorities which benefit the Department and its beneficiaries.

Jobie brings years of institutional knowledge to the Department and Commission which has been extremely valuable to the Commission and Department in avoiding prior well meaning but unworkable solutions. At the same time, Jobie has been a leader in considering new and innovative approaches to solve critical issues affecting the Department and its beneficiaries and has challenged the Commission to do the same. During my short tenure, the Commission has completed a statewide water policy and Island and Regional Plans. The Commission currently is developing a policy on Revocable Permits and Rights of Entry. The Commission also has been in conversation as to what we can do and how the Department can best assist and prepare native Hawaiians to be successful and participate in their self determination on or off of the homestead. I look forward to implementing these programs and realizing measurable results in the near future.

I believe that the Commission, the Department and its beneficiaries would benefit from the continued leadership of Jobie Masagatani. I believe that the majority of the Commissioners support Jobie as well and would request your favorable action on her nomination.

Mahalo a nui loa,

David Ka'apu
Commissioner DHHL

TESTIMONY ON GM510

Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation Deputy to
the Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM AILA JR.
For a term to expire December 3, 2018

Senator Maile Shimabukuro Chair

Senator Brickwood Galuteria Vice-Chair

Hawaiian Affairs Committee Members,

February 21, 2015

My name is Dennis Yamaguchi and I am submitting this testimony in strong support of William Aila Jr. for the position of Deputy to the Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I have known William Aila for over 25 years, first as the harbor master for the Waianae Small Boat Harbor and later as the Department of Land and Natural Resources Chairman. In both capacities he has shown leadership, integrity, intelligence, and fairness; exactly the qualities one would hope for in a government official.

As harbormaster, I have personally seen him: don a scuba tank and examine first hand problems at the Waianae harbor, confront law breakers, and stay after hours to assist fishermen in trouble.

As DLNR head he held after hours “talk story” sessions every last Thursdays of the month with ocean users and fishermen. In my 40+ years as a fisherman, this is the first time I have witnessed such a remarkable gesture of selflessness and good will.

Please confirm William Aila Jr. Thank you.

Dennis Yamaguchi

**DEREK KIMURA
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February 19, 2015

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Monday February 23, 2015
1:15 P.M., Conference Room 224

Governor's Message 510
Relating to the consideration and confirmation of
Gubernatorial Nominee, William Aila, Jr.
for
Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

ALOHA CHAIRPERSON MAILE SHIMABUKURO, VICE-CHAIR BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support for the confirmation of William Aila, Jr., as Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

Mr. Aila's previous experience as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources and as a native Hawaiian provides him with a tremendous amount of knowledge and sensitivity that will assist him in the position as Deputy to the Chairperson of DHHL.

Mr. Aila is a proven public servant of over 28 years with an outstanding reputation for integrity, fairness and the ability to resolve tough issues. He is committed to serving the native Hawaiian community and perpetuating the vision of Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole. I believe Mr. Aila will complement Ms. Masagatani and be instrumental in improving the management of DHHL and its assets.

Mr. Aila has the knowledge, experience and skill set to be an excellent deputy. He simply exceeds all qualifications and I strongly urge your favorable confirmation of William Aila, Jr., as Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Derek Kimura', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Derek Kimura

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [HWNTestimony](#)
Cc: kehaulani1976@gmail.com
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GM510

Submitted on: 2/22/2015

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DOREEN N CANTO	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony Presented Before the
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Monday, February 23, 2015 at 1:15 p.m.
by
Elmer K. Ka'ai

GM 510 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM AILA JR., for a term to expire 12-3-2018.

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for opportunity to offer my strong support for William Aila Jr., as the deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. As the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), I strongly believe that he moved the department further with respect to caring for the 'aina and wai. Through bold initiatives, Mr. Aila tackled the long-standing problems that have plagued DLNR during the previous administration. The same initiatives will benefit the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands as well.

Much of his commitment stems from his strong upbringing and his experiences as a community advocate, environmentalist, and cultural practitioner. Mr. Aila will provide needed leadership to one of most demanding State agencies.

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GM510

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gene Ross K. Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Mr. William Aila will be a great support to in protecting the trust and administering programs for equal distribution among beneficiaries. He comes to DHHL having great leadership qualities, collaborative experience and has personal Beneficiary perspective. I submit testimony in strong support of Mr, Aila as Deputy Director of DHHL.

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February 23, 2015

Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Conference Room 224
Time: 1:15 p.m.

Governor's Message 510

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM AILA JR. for a term to expire 12-3-2018.

I am here to testify in support of William Aila Jr. for consideration and confirmation as as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I have known Bill for the last 20 years.

I believe that he will make a great addition to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I ask for your consideration and confirmation of William Aila Jr. as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands .



George M. Waialeale

Testimony of Helen N. Wai

Beneficiary

IN SUPPORT

GM 510 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the
Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands,
Gubernatorial Nominee,
WILLIAM AILA, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

February 23, 2015

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and members of the Committee,

As a beneficiary, I am writing in support of Governor's Message 510, and we ask that you confirm William Aila to be the Deputy to the Chairman for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

As a beneficiary I believe in strong leadership in the Native Hawaiian community and Mr. Aila is a strong leader that is needed to support the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Mr. Aila is a homesteader and his experience will provide important insights in decision-making at the DHHL on behalf of the beneficiaries. His professional experience as both the Waianae Harbor Master and as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources speak for themselves. Many of the actions taken at DLNR under his tenure directly and positively impacted our community in Waianae. We are encouraged by his appointment to be a leader at DHHL.

Our organization supports Mr. Aila and we hope you will take into account his experience and credentials as you make the decision to advise and consent to his appointment as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Mahalo nui loa,
Helen N. Wai

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ivan Pauole	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in full support of William Aila Jr. on his confirmation Deputy to Chairman at Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

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Aloha, Chairperson Shimabukuro, Vice Chairperson Galuteria and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs. Please support GM 509 and GM 510 which would confirm Ms. Jobie Masagatani and Mr. William Aila, Jr. as Chairperson and Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, respectively. I have worked with Ms. Masagatani and know her to be highly intelligent, hard working, organized, efficient and a person of character and integrity. I do not know Mr. Aila, but friends who do know him speak of him with high regard. They are assets, and I am confident that Governor Ige and legislators would be proud to have them serve the Hawaiian people. Mahalo.
Jennifer Chiwa

February 23, 2015

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM 510, Nomination of William Ailā, Jr. as the Deputy to the Chairperson, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL)

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Committee Members,

My name is Jonathan Likeke Scheuer and I am testifying in **strong support** of the nomination of William Ailā, Jr. as the as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the DHHL.

I have known and interacted with Mr. Ailā for many years on multiple issues where natural resource management issues intersected with the concerns and rights of the Hawaiian community. I have worked with him on many issues as he served as the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Commission on Water Resource Management for the last four years. Like the DHHL, the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) he headed faces multiple conflicting issues and stakeholders, a chronic lack of funding when compared to mission, and the need for experienced leadership that can deal with these challenges. Mr. Ailā served more than admirably in that position, and that experience is clearly relevant to this new role.

Mr. Ailā brings to the position he is nominated for an ideal breadth of administrative, management, and community experience that will be of significant benefit to the DHHL and the beneficiaries of the trust it manages. Having had the opportunity to work with both him and the nominee (and current Chairperson) Jobie Masagatani, I can confidently say they will work as an incredibly effective and complimentary team.

Mahalo for your consideration of my mana`o.

Jonathan Likeke Scheuer, Ph.D.
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Kahana Albinio	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Testimony of Peter “Kahana” Albinio, Jr. To the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs (HWN) In support of Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM J. AILA, JR., For Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (GM 510) February 23, 2015 Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee, I am in strong support of Governor’s Message 510, and ask that you confirm William J. Aila, Jr. to be the Deputy to the Chairman for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and further ask your committee to advise and consent to his appointment. Mahalo.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kainea Aiwohi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, I oppose the appointment of William Aila Jr. to the position of the Deputy Chairperson for DHHL. I strongly believe that Mr. Aila will allow our lands to be used for purposes other than for placing our Native Hawaiian people. His record shows that he was not good for DLNR and I know that he will not be good for DHHL either. I strongly encourage you to deny his appointment to the Deputy Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. Mahalo!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kamana'o Mills	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am testifying in STRONG SUPPORT for Gubernatorial Nominee William Aila as Deputy of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience that will be of tremendous value to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

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Kapina	Individual	Support	No

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Katie Benioni	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leimomi Khan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Support. Mr Aila has a proven record of leadership, especially as the former head of the DLNR. He works well with people, fairly weighs comments and recommendations and then makes sound decisions.

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Testimony of Linda L. Chinn
To the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs (HWN)
In support of Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM J. AILA, Jr. For Deputy to the Chairperson of the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (GM 510)

February 13, 2015

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of Governor's Message 510, and I ask that you confirm William J. Aila, Jr. to be the Deputy to the Chairman for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I believe Mr. Aila is a strong leader that is needed to support the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Mr. Aila is a homesteader and his experience will provide important insights in decision-making at the DHHL on behalf of the beneficiaries. Mr. Aila is also a hard working public servant. His professional experience as both the Waianae Harbor Master and as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources speak for themselves. Many of the actions taken at DLNR under his tenure directly and positively impacted the native Hawaiian communities. I am encouraged by his appointment to be a leader at DHHL.

I support Mr. Aila and I hope you will take into account his experience and credentials as you make the decision to advise and consent to his appointment as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Sincerely,



Linda L. Chinn

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Lon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support William Aila Jr as the Deputy to the Chair Hawaiian Home Lands Commission.

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February 14, 2015

Senator Maile Shimabukuro
Chair for Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Senate District 21
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street, Rm. 202
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

**RE: Confirmation to Appoint William Aila Jr. as Deputy to the Chair of the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.**

Aloha Senator Shimabukuro,

I humbly write this letter of support to confirm the appointment of Mr. William Aila Jr. as Deputy to the Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

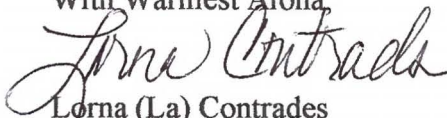
Like Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole, Mr. Aila is a gentleman of deep Hawaiian culture, education, and sincere aloha. As a respected man, he has the ability to bring forth and work collaboratively through out our communities to serve and protect our beneficiary lands and natural resources.

At every opportunity and as appropriate, Mr. Aila always reaches far back into his deep cultural reserve and his educational resources to ensure that whatever he brings forward for resolution is pono for all. If not, he will go back and start again.

I honestly believe that Mr. Aila will be a good fit as Deputy to the Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for he has the capability to use his knowledge and skills to follow proper protocol in the best for interests of the department and it's beneficiaries.

I humbly ask for your consideration to confirm the appointment of William Aila Jr. as Deputy to the Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. He brings humility, Hawaiian culture and values, sincere aloha, and great energy.

With Warmest Aloha,


Lorna (La) Contrades
Anahola Homesteader
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cc:

Jobie Masagatani, Hawaiian Homes Commission Chair

Dan Ahuna, Office of Hawaiian Affairs Trustee for Kaua'i & Ni'ihau

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Marla Wain	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melissa Pavlicek	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Galuteria and members of the Committee: my name is Melissa Pavlicek and I am writing in support of WILLIAM AILA's appointment as Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. I have had the opportunity to personally observe Mr. Aila's commitment to public service and the community as a whole during his tenure at DLNR. Mahalo for your consideration.

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Norman L Sakamoto
1248 Ala Mahamoe St
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819

Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Hawaii State Senate

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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: **GM 510 Testimony in Support for William Aila Jr.**

Aloha Chair Maile Shimabukuro and Senators,

I am testifying in STRONG SUPPORT for Gubernatorial Nominee William Aila. He is extremely well qualified to serve as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

I have had the opportunity to interact with him in his former capacity as the head of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Many of the issues faced by DLNR are the same issues facing DHHL. Land disposition, water, energy, environment, conservation, preservation and a myriad of other topics are common to both departments.

William has shown the ability to listen attentively and respond to each individual and each concern within the context of our legal system, our local practices, our various cultural outlooks and Hawaii's values. He has the head; he has the heart; and he has the respect that can move mountains.

He will bring the knowledge and people skills to move the department forward.

I have full confidence that he will work with the Chair, the commissioners, and the staff to solve the problems of today and cast a vision for the path ahead for the beneficiaries.

I ask for your SUPPORT for William Aila.

Aloha and God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Norman". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "N" and a cursive "ormon".

Norman L Sakamoto

Testimony of Patricia K. Brandt
To the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs (HWN)
In support of the Nomination of WILLIAM AILA for Deputy to the Chairperson
of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (GM 510)

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee.

My name is Patricia K. Brandt and I am writing in support of Governor's Message 510, urging you to confirm William Aila to be the Deputy to the Chairman for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I am active in many community organizations and have observed Mr. Aila's commitment to and passion for his community and particularly the Hawaiian community. As a member of the Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu, I first met him when he was invited to address a community meeting to discuss concerns involving the Waianae Boat Harbor. He impressed the audience with his attention to the subject, the audience, and the mood of the group. He handled questions politely and respected the questioners, inviting them to contact him later if they had more questions or information.

I also was present when he and his wife attended their first Hawaiian Civic Club Convention meeting. I observed his attitude as respectful and open to learning about the organization and its issues. He was also confident in sharing his ideas and experiences. Over the years, I attended many meetings and continue to be impressed with his knowledge, calmness and attempts to understand and respond to his audience.

My family is part of the Maunalaha Valley 'ohana. I am a former Chairman of the Maunalaha Board. Through years of struggles with land rights and community organizing, Mr. Aila, as DLNR Chair, was always available to explain the rules and discuss options with the community leadership when planning or enforcement decisions were needed.

I am also the Chair of the Halau Ku Mana Charter School Board and have had to deal with DLNR about land and lease issues (our school is a sub-lessee on DLNR controlled land). As the DLNR Director, Mr. Aila has always advocated for parties in dispute to work things out together, making both his staff and himself available to the community.

For probably more than 20 years of observing him, I find Mr. Aila to be knowledgeable, respectful and dedicated to the community. Given an assignment or an appointment, he seems to absorb the rules and is ready to enforce them. I have also seen him open to considering change where warranted and when in a community's best interest. He always seems open to listening and sharing ideas. His knowledge of the community and the land brings an important leadership asset to the Department.

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Paula Aila	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support William Aila Jr. as Deputy for the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. His knowledge and expertise on Native Hawaiian issues as well as his expertise as former DLNR Chair and as a Keiki o ka Aina is so valuable to the progression of the Hawaiian community. Mahalo, Paula Aila

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Comments: I am in FULL support of the confirmation of William Aila Jr.as Deputy to the Chairman of Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

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February 22, 2015

The Honorable Maile Shimabukuro, Chair
The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
State Capitol, Room 224
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM510 TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE CONFIRMATION OF WILLIAM
AILA AS THE DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN
HOME LANDS

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Honorable Members:

My name is Rebecca Soon, and I am writing in support of William Aila's nomination to serve as the Deputy Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I have known William Aila professionally for four years and have considered it an honor to see his leadership approach in action at DLNR. It is rare to meet someone with the combination of attributes that William Aila has, and which serve our State and our community extremely well. He is intelligent, hard-working, and has a deep understanding of our community needs and perspectives. He is also compassionate, humble, and is respected for his infallible integrity. During his tenure at DLNR, it was clear that he had the respect of a wide range of stakeholders, community members, staff, and others, who appreciated his fair approach to problem-solving.

It is a great opportunity to have someone with these traits and experiences, together with his deep passion and commitment to the Hawaiian community, serve at DHHL. I encourage the Committee to confirm William Aila as Deputy Chairperson of DHHL. Mahalo for the opportunity to share my support.

Me ka 'oia'i'o,



Rebecca 'Iolani Soon
39 Makaweli St., Honolulu, HI 96825

February 23, 2015



The Honorable Maile Shimabukuro, Chair
And Committee Members
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Senate
415 S. Beretania Street, #222
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Shimabukuro and Committee Members:

RE: GM 510 Consideration and Confirmation as the Deputy to the Chairperson of
the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Gubernatorial Nominee,
William Aila Jr., for a term to expire 12-31-2018

Thank you for your consideration of William Aila Jr., as the Deputy to the Chairperson of
the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

My name is Rich Hartline, Vice President for Hawaii DeBartolo. We support for the
nomination of Mr. Aila. As the former Chairman of the Department of Land and Natural
Resources, Mr. Aila led his department with remarkable management and leadership
skills. We believe that his appointment as the Deputy to the Chairperson helps the
Department and the Chairperson achieve its goals of further outreach and services to
the native Hawaiian community.

We look forward to a working with Mr. Aila in his new role and encourage you to confirm
him as the Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Thank you for your consideration and for this opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

DeBartolo Development, LLC



RICH HARTLINE

Vice President of Development

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Rodney Lau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support William Aila for confirmation as the Deputy to the Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

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Shane Nelsen	Individual	Support	No

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February 20, 2015

Senator Maile Shimabukuro
Chair for the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Legislature
State of Hawaii

Dear Senator:

This letter is written in support of Mr. William J. Aila, Jr. in consideration of his nomination and confirmation for the position of Deputy to the Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

Mr. Aila has worked within the State of Hawaii Civil Service system for 28 years, and during the last four years as the Chairperson for DLNR. He is experienced in issues dealing with:

- the management of ocean waters and resources
- boating and ocean recreation, beaches and harbors management
- public lands management and land transactions (RP's, leases and E.O.'s)
- natural resources preservation and conservation
- management of our State's historical sites
- management of forests and forest reserves, and watersheds
- public fishing areas and aquatic life and its sanctuaries
- game management areas, public hunting areas and natural area reserves

As Chair of the Commission on Water Resource Management his responsibilities included management and decision making on water rights issues and allocations, surface water and stream protection, update of the Water Resource Protection Plan, and Native Hawaiian Appurtenant Water Rights.

His strengths include being direct, truthful and hard working and he utilizes a style of inclusiveness where he believes all involved parties in a situation need to come to the table so that all perspectives can be voiced and considered in making consensus decisions on issues. He is a problem solver and whenever possible, he utilized the expertise of DLNR's division administrators and managers when trying to find resolution on problematic issues.

I have known and worked with him for 19 years and have personally seen how effective he is as a fellow employee and department Chairperson. We at DLNR could trust him to both protect our state's natural resources while empowering and inspiring us to perform our tasks and responsibilities to the fullest extent possible. I believe that he will do the same at DHHL and I look forward to his partnership with Chairman Masagatani

Senator Maile Shimabukuro
Chair for the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
February 20, 2015
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to make a positive difference there for the beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Act and the employees of DHHL.

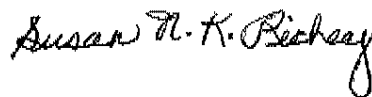
In regards to his ability to be a benefit while performing the tasks of Deputy at DHHL, he has resided on a DHHL agricultural homestead parcel for the last 20 years, his wife Melva is a beneficiary and so the Department has had a profound influence on their family for a long time.

His past work experiences at DLNR will serve as a good foundation when dealing with similar matters in his capacity as Deputy to Chairman at DHHL. He has assisted in land management, including approving issuance of revocable permits, leases and land transfers as well as working on water rights and allotments.

We have been friends for almost 20 years and knowing both he and Melva has been a distinct pleasure which I cherish. He is a combination of a caring and intelligent man who can also laugh easily (at himself often times...) and always makes those around him feel at ease.

Lastly, William Aila, Jr. is loyal and is a man of his word and his integrity is unquestionable. The added bonus is that his wife Melva is dedicated to helping him do his best in all of his endeavors and she keeps him grounded and humble. In Mr. Aila, the adage that "what you see is what you get" applies very aptly and your support of his nomination for Deputy to the Chairman at DHHL is well placed. Thank you for your attention to this letter of support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan N.K. Richey". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Susan N.K. Richey

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WILLIAM AILA , Deputy to the Chairperson Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Aloha Mai Kakou,

It is an honor writing to you today in support of Governor Ige's nominee, William Aila to fulfill the duties of Deputy to the Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

I am Wallace A Ishibashi Jr retired ILWU Local 142 Hawaii Division Director. Currently I am employed at the University Of Hawaii, Office of Maunakea Management. Also I'm the Moku O Keawe, East Hawaii Commissioner for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I have dedicated my career to helping the working family's of Hawaii. During that time I have come in contact with so many wonderful people who have contributed so much time and efforts to this beautiful State of Hawaii. Bill is the hope a shining light at the end of this long tunnel DHHL has been in.

I met Mr Aila a few years back during a major problem at one of my construction companies in Hilo. William as DLNR Chair was very instrumental in adverting a layoff and or shut down of one of ILWU's senior companies. His genuine aloha for the working families of Hawaii made all the difference during that difficult issue.

DHHL has so many issues that has prevented the department from carrying out it's mission. Besides financial,so many concerns has been delayed for so many years frustration from our beneficiaries is justified and warranted. This has surfaced in the news, social media, coconut wireless during my first short year as commissioner. We welcome William's cool and calm demeanor, his expertise in land use issues,his cultural tie's,historical understanding of Hawaii's issues, will be a great asset to the department of Hawaiian Home Lands. His management skills is proven as DLNR Chair I witnessed his professional handling of contested case hearings being fair and unbiased over the Management of Maunakea made the whole process transparent and fair for all who participated.

Mr Aila is needed now at DHHL, What he brings to the table is a can do attitude,listening,always seeking for a solution to a problem, Fairness is a gift our beneficiaries will cherish once they have an opportunity to work with him.

Please I humbly ask you to confirm Mr William Aila as Deputy to the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Mahalo nui loa

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